



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

SENATOR CHARLIE S. DANNELLY

RALEIGH, NC 27601-2808

February 5, 2010

Elizabeth Day

FTA Office of Planning and Environment

Dear Ms. Day:

This letter emphasizes my strong support for the application submitted by the City of Charlotte for funds from the Urban Circulator Program Grant. I am a strong supporter of the City's Streetcar Starter Project and look forward to its implementation.

The Streetcar Starter Project is part of the proposed 10 mile Charlotte Streetcar Project, which falls closely in line with the Federal Transit Administration's Livable Communities initiative. This plan resulted from a planning process which coordinated land use and planning decisions developed in conjunction with documented community participation. It will operate in the highest density segment of potential riders on the 10 mile corridor, will increase transportation choices and improve transit service accessibility.

The service recommended for the Streetcar Starter Project will be 1.5 miles long, linking Presbyterian Hospital and the Charlotte Transportation Center. This service will provide opportunities for the community to be connected directly to jobs in center city Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, Presbyterian Hospital and many other businesses and services located along and adjacent to the project.

This project is an integral part of Charlotte's Transit Corridor System Plan implemented in 1998 and is a springboard to providing equitable service levels and amenities to the lower income areas east and west of Charlotte. The City of Charlotte and its citizens have already started to implement the streetcar plan. The urban circulator grant will put streetcars in the streets of Charlotte and for the reasons stated above, will help our city take one more step toward being a more livable community.

Please give the City of Charlotte's application your utmost consideration. Thank you.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie S. Dannelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "D".

Charlie S. Dannelly